

Title (en)  
Low temperature heat-assisted evaporation impoundment

Title (de)  
Niedrigtemperaturverdampfungsbecken mit thermischer Unterstützung

Title (fr)  
Bassin d'évaporation à basse température assisté thermiquement

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Abstract (en)  
The assisting in the evaporation of water from a surface impoundment or other impoundment that utilizes a closed heat pipe system (16) that is partially submerged within the material (32) of the surface impoundment. Water, or other heat transfer fluid, is circulated within the closed heat pipe system with this water being heated exteriorly of the surface impoundment prior to flowing within the portion of the heat pipe system that is located within the surface impoundment. The water is heated within the closed heat pipe system to an approximate temperature of one hundred seventy degrees Fahrenheit. The heating of the material in the surface impoundment is accomplished by the transfer of heat from the heat pipe system to the material in the surface impoundment. The rate of evaporation of water from the surface impoundment can be increased to more than thirty times the evaporation rate of a surface impoundment that doesn't utilize heat from an external source. <IMAGE>

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